

## To Those who are Still in Doubt!

### For Ladies!

We have some really beautiful pieces of Japanese Hand-painted Chinaware. These designs are exquisite and we confidently recommend the giving of one or more pieces to any lady who appreciates beautiful and artistic China --and what lady does not?

We have also some splendid Dinner and Tea Sets in the World Famous Nippon Ware. Any lady would appreciate a gift of this description.

### Or a Piece of Jaegar Wear

If you want to give something which will give pleasure and comfort as well, you cannot do better than Jaegar Wear, for there is nothing better in the world.

### TOYS--For the Kiddies--TOYS



## JUST A FEW XMAS SUGGESTIONS



Just Received a Shipment of Xmas Trees

### For Men!

We have many Lines which should afford the greatest satisfaction and the keenest appreciation, but we have one line which we recommend over every other and that is the

### Guaranteed Jaegar Wear

Practically everything from head to foot and every article is guaranteed absolutely Pure Wool. There's Nothing Better

But you may not care about such a gift, and we have heaps of articles just as good in their line for you to choose from. Ties in every conceivable shade

### A Range of Beautiful Scarfs

Dress Shirts, Gloves, Slippers

Pyjamas, Night Robes,

Handkerchiefs, Suit Cases,

Pipes, Cigars in Boxes, Etc.

Our Grocery Department is full of all kinds of Dainties for the Christmas Table

## Do Your Trading at - McKEE'S STORES - Produce taken as Cash

Our Motto--"Value, Quality, Service"--First, Last and All the Time.

## Christmas Gifts Of Service and Sense!

The old idea of giving beautiful but perfectly useless Christmas Presents has given way to the more practical modern custom of choosing gifts for their utility more than for Esthetic appearance

The following articles are suggested as practical and useful presents which will be appreciated all the year round.

Auto Stop Safety Razor	\$ 5.00
Gillette Safety Razor	5.00
Shaving Brushes	50c to 1.50
Pocket Knives	75c to 3.00
Watches	\$1.75 to 9.00
Alarm Clocks	2.50 to 4.00
Copper Nickel Plated Tea Kettles	3.75 to 4.00
Coffee Percolators	5.00 to 6.50
Nickel Plated Coffee Pots	2.00 to 2.50
Carving Sets	4.00 to 12.00
Community Tea Spoons	Set of 6 3.00
Community Table Spoons	Set of 6 6.00
Community Sugar Shell	Each 1.25
Community Pie Knife	Each 3.75
Community Cold Meat Fork	Each 2.00

Currie & Milroy, Ltd., Bassano.

### TOWN COUNCIL

The last meeting of the 1916 Council was held on Monday, Councilor Stiles making his debut with his customary grace and aplomb and assisting very considerably in the closing ceremonies.

One of the surprises of the meeting was in the form of an application for the Engineer's position from A. Smith, formerly City Engineer for Prince Albert, whose abilities are unquestionably ahead of his ambitions, or, possibly, his opportunities.

Mr. Smith was invited to interview the Mayor any time before the 21st.

Several other applications for the job were ordered to be filed.

Reports were received from the following: Mrs. McKee on the equipment at the hospital; Geo. R. R. Bond with reference to the financial statement of the Emergency Hospital Board, showing a deficit of \$72.75, which was expected to be met by a grant from the Provincial Government for payment of one of the nurses salaries. The Returning Officers Report of the election, and the Engineer's report of the Coal Mine operations, showing a total of 287 1/2 tons sold during the month of November.

Councillor Sherritt introduced the question of making rink facilities for the town, and said that provided the town supply water free with permission to use the hydrant opposite Smith's garage, certain parties were prepared to put up a rink in the hollow opposite McKee's (Continued on page four)

was sufficient guarantee for Betty. The above collection may be seen at any time in Jack Tongue's store, where Mr. Wilson has deposited money for a short time.

### Souvenirs Of The War

During the last week there has been received by Mr. Wilson, a collection of War Trophies secured by his son Cor. Lynn Wilson, from the German trenches.

Mr. Wilson is naturally very proud of the souvenirs and he has good reason to be for apart from the personal value of them they are very interesting and instructive.

Included in the collection are: a steel helmet, dress helmet, grey forage cap, water bottle, drinking cup, trench equipment for rats, belt, pouch, a collection of buttons, some mysterious little plaques of celluloid, and also an image of a British patrol saint (apparently stolen and re-captured).

Mr. Wilson also received from the son a letter, presumably sent from a prisoner of war in England to his parents in Germany, which was taken from a prisoner captured by Cor. Wilson.

A free translation of the letter divulges the interesting information that every prisoner in England is supplied with an allowance of food, clean quarters, with a bed to sleep in; library and writing facilities always to hand, and kindly courteous treatment from all.

The writer expresses the wish that his parents in Germany were half as fortunate as he is prisoner in England.

Comment is needless, but we cannot refrain from quoting Admiral Betty's words to the Impassioned Hon. who asked for written guarantee that the values of the surrendered German ships "could be trusted well and humbly." The admiral replied: "I'll tell you they are better than I thought."

### THE GEM THEATRE

Fri. and Sat.--DOUG, FAIRBANKS--35c only

Charlie Chaplin--"In A Dog's Life." Also an Essayon Feature--"On Trial." Admission 35c.

Friday and Saturday: Wallace Reid and "The Things We Love."

## Something New for Christmas Presents

We are pleased to be able to offer for your Christmas buying the very latest styles in Ladies' Winter Hats--the Chic Velour and Tweed Trench Hats. Also some very smart new-style Tams

New designs in Ladies Georgette Crepe and Silk Waists. Beautiful Silk Scarfs. Hand Bags Kid Gloves

For Baby we have a Special Line of Christmas Comforts Quilted Kimonos, Sweaters, Booties, Gaiters, Mitts, FOR MEN--There are some choice designs and colors in Ties and Mufflers. Also Gloves, Suspenders, Etc.

### FOR THE XMAS TABLE

Celery, Lettuce, Cauliflower, Egg Plant, Melon, Cranberries, Oranges and Bananas, Apples, Nuts, etc.

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### Local and Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. Milroy were visitors to Calgary this week.

R. P. Robinson was a visitor to Calgary on Monday.

Miss Trail, of Empress, is visiting this week with Mrs. Ball.

W. Langstroth, manager of the People's Market was a business visitor to Calgary on Monday.

Services will be held at the Anglican Church on Sunday next at 7.30 p.m.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Muir upon the birth of a son on December 16th.

We regret to record the death of Mrs. Macleod, which occurred on Saturday last at Crofton.

Don Stevens, one of the workers of the Gen Colony, was a heavy visitor to town on Monday.

Leslie Tosh, who has been training at the Aviation Schools in Ontario for the past six months, returned to Bassano on Saturday.

H. S. Johnson who has been making munitions in an Ontario plant during the past eight months returned to Bassano on Saturday.

Just as a suggestion!—How about paying up your subscription to The Mail by way of an Xmas present to yourself—and us?

We are requested to notify owners of Dogs that Tags for 1919 are now ready and can be secured at any time upon payment of license fee for 1919.

Gilbert Bonner is visiting his parents for the Xmas vacation, and is the object of a vast amount of respectful admiration in his Aviator Cadet's uniform.

E. P. Currie was a visitor to Calgary for a few days last week. We understand he was looking for a few new streamers and a real live Bear-Cat.

Miss Goodale of Spokane wishes to announce that she will be prepared to do dressmaking after January 1st at the Babbington House.

Considering the Darwin Theory, it was a little consolation to a few men in town to find that the apes in "Tarzan of the Apes" were not bald.

Despite the oft-asserted fact that love is blind, isn't it surprising how a man will spruce up when he goes visiting every Sunday? What you think, boys?

There will be Midnight Mass in St. Columbo's Catholic Church Bassano December 24th. Conference at 7 p.m. Mass at 10.00 on Christmas Day at 10.00 a.m. All are welcome.

Have you purchased your tickets for the Frolics Dance yet? If not you may be left outside to look in. It's a pity that it will be far nicer inside looking out, but you will have to get over right away.

Shop early—don't leave your buying of Xmas Presents until the last moment, for the best of everything will have been taken, and you will only find "disappointments." Shop Early and Shop Locally.

We are solemnly assured once again, that we are through now with all trouble in our electric light service. The last interruption we are told was due to leaky heads; which seems quite natural to us, knowing the heads.

Doctor Neilson has changed his office in the Webster block to the suite on the opposite side of the hall and has installed some of the most modern appliances known to the Dental profession. We have more reason now than ever to be proud of the service which Doc. will be able to give his patients.

A certain patriotic citizen of Bassano who has been in the habit of denouncing the warblers on several mail order houses has recently found that he has lost money by so doing. There are very few people left in town who have not woken up to that fact long ago. Most of our business men are tickled to death at the opportunity for competing with the so-called "cheap" houses.

## Xmas Gifts for All

### AN ACCEPTABLE GIFT Genuine Belgian Cut Glass

6 in. Bowls	\$12.00
Handled Nappies	5.00
Butter Plates	4.00
" Tubs	5.00
Spoon Holders	4.75
Bon bon Dishes	6.50
12 in. Vase	12.00
Sugar and Cream per pair	9.00
Casserole \$5.75 Electric Iron \$5.75	

### ALUMINUM WARE IS A PERFECT GIFT---SEE IT

Aluminum Percolators	\$3.00
" Roasters	5.50
" Tea Kettles	4.00
" Pie Pans	40
" Double Roasters	2.50
" Syrup Pitchers	1.50
" Condiment Sets	50
Roller Bearing Wagons	
Sleighs	

Our flashlight stock being heavy we are offering them at greatly reduced prices in three sizes \$1.00 \$1.25 \$1.50

Boys Pocket Knives 40c 60c 85c.

Gillette Safety Razors \$5.50 and up.

Comet Safety Razors takes Gillette Blades \$3.50 a snap.

Genco Open Blade Razors, absolutely guaranteed, \$2.50

Carving Sets, Sheffield Steel, Fire Stock, greatly reduced.

*You Will Get Them at The Bassano Hardware*

## Xmas This Year Will Be Different!

Gifts will be largely in the nature of essentials. One can best carry out the spirit of the times and the season by choosing articles which give the most service; things to wear--For example

**LADIES** Crepe de Chene Blouses; Fancy Camisoles; Silk and Crepe de Chene Underwear. Fancy Neck Wear; Fancy Boudoir Caps; Fancy Handkerchiefs in Boxes; Gloves; Silk Hose--Colors in black, grey and white.

**MEN'S** Fancy Neck Ties; Silk and Knitted Mufflers; " Arm Bands and Supporters; Gloves; " Bed Room Slippers.

### A Small Assortment of Silverware.

All the above mentioned articles will make sensible gifts. They give the kind of service that justifies the purchase

**BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS GROCERIES EARLY.** Complete Line Now on Hand.

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
Extended to All**

**WEBSTER BROTHERS, LIMITED,  
BASSANO and GLEICHEN**

## The General Garage.



**A Good Garage is Being Inquired For all the Time.**

Ask anyone who has been here. He will tell you this is a good garage in every respect. It is a good place to store cars, a good place to get them repaired, a good place to buy accessories of every description.

*The General Garage - F. H. Berry, Manager*

## LOANS FOR LIVESTOCK

To good Farmers living in the vicinity of its Rural Branches, THE UNION BANK is prepared to make loans, on reasonable terms, for the purpose of purchasing cattle for feeding or breeding purposes.

Consult the Local Manager for particulars.

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BASSANO BRANCH--A. C. SEAL Manager.

CLUNY BRANCH--F. B. STEPHENS Manager.

## Home Dressed Meats

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early as we may make arrangements for the prompt delivery. We have on a speciality choice assortment of turkeys, chickens, prime beef and real lamb, and some very fine hams and bacon. You'll find these delicious in flavor and tenderness. And we are not asking a cent extra for the extra choiceness.



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